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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:
Reginald Hunter

Serial No.: 09/680,226

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For: Method and Apparatus for

Enhanced Embedded

Substrate Inspection Through Process Data Collection and Substrate Imaging Techniques

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Dear Sir:

## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 11, 2003**

In response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 11, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/3083.P1/AOP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.